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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON POSSIBLE RUSSIAN RECOGNITION OF
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Classified By: Head of Political Economic Section Jim Bigus for reasons
1.4 (b) and (d)

(C) We delivered reftel demarche to MFA Political Counselor Poriakov on February 15. Poriakov said the Russian talk about possibly recognizing Abkhazia was "alarming" and that Bulgaria would "see what we can do" in talks with the Russians to discourage them from taking that step. Bulgaria would make clear to the Georgians its support for their sovereignty and try to "keep them calm as possible" to avoid any provocative reactions, Poriakov said.
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